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FOR: DEVICE FOR TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WITH DISTURBED
POSTURE AND MOTOR ACTIVITY

PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
& Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination, the following remarks are being
presented, including the enclosed Exhibits A to F.

REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's
allegation that "the arrangement of the elastic tie-members has
not previously been the subject matter of the claims".

As ensues from the disclosure of the parent patent
application, the arrangement of the elastic tie-members is the
principal subject matter of the present invention.

According to the specification of the present application,
"the elastic tie-members are arranged on the surface of the
patient's body in antagonistic pairs so as to follow the
anatomical arrangement of the skeletal muscles" (See lines 32-34
on page 5; line 1 of page 6 of the present Specification).

In the last amendment it was stated that "the elastic tie-
members are arranged on the patient's trunk taking into account
their position relative to the spinal column, that is, to the

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